

DIAMOND/RELEVANT SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

October, 2018

Dear Parents,

Autumn is officially underway, and we are hoping the last sunny days of September will continue well into October. We have a busy month ahead filled with many events.

Fire Prevention Week

From October 7th to 13th, fire departments across Canada and the United States are participating in Fire Prevention Week to raise public awareness about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it. For further fire prevention information and activities visit the website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive

To enhance our community spirit, the students and staff of Diamond/Relevant schools will be having a food drive and collecting items for the Surrey Food Bank throughout the week, until the morning of Friday, October 5th. The classes from Kindergarten to Grade Three, Grades Four to Six, Grades Seven to Nine and Grades 11/12 with the greatest number of donated items for the food bank will win a *No Dress Code Day*, and the winners will be announced on Friday. Please check the expiry dates and be sure the food is in the original packaging when sending in any donated items. ***Please send in your non-perishable food items by October 5th for this very worthy community cause.***

Thanksgiving Day Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday, October 8th, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Scholastic Book Fair

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair at the school beginning Tuesday, October 9th and continuing through Monday, October 15th. The book fair will run on these days from 3:05 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. Please help us to reach our goal of \$1600 in sales as this entitles the school to over \$900.00 to purchase library books and resource materials for the school. Scholastic has a wide range of books and other materials, so drop in and see what is available.

If you are available to help with the book fair on any of the days from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m., please phone or speak to Sue or Laura Lynn in the school offices.

Grades 7 – 12 Bowling Field Trip

Students in Grades 7-12 will be going on a bowling field trip this month. A permission form for this excursion will be sent home later this month.

The Great British Columbia Shake Out

On Thursday, October 18th at 10:18 students, along with millions of people worldwide, will be participating once again in the Great British Columbia Shake Out. This earthquake drill will help them become better educated and prepared in the event of a major earthquake.

Professional Day

There are no scheduled classes on Friday, October 19th, as there is a province wide professional day.

Student Photograph Retakes

Please note that a Mountain West photographer will be at the school on Tuesday, October 23rd for retakes. Students who were unable to get their pictures taken at the September photo session or wish to have retakes should contact Laura-Lynn.

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Halloween Activities

Students will be having Halloween activities for a portion of the day on Wednesday, October 31st. They have the option of coming to school in costume on this day. Students will be dismissed at 2 p.m. on this day.

A & W Hot Lunch

On Wednesday, October 24th, students have the opportunity of ordering lunch from A & W. An order form is attached to this newsletter.

School Clothing

Please take a few minutes to **label all school clothing** to help us return lost items to their owners. Since the weather is becoming colder, students are reminded to bring jackets or coats for outside at lunch. Students who have Physical Education classes at Sunrise Church should make sure they bring umbrellas in the event of rain.

Some Reminders about Attendance

- School begins at 8:55 for all students. For attendance purposes, please note that students arriving after the bell are marked late, and the late is recorded on their progress report.
- Students who arrive late should check in at the office before going to class.
- Students leaving school before the end of the day should inform their homeroom teacher and someone in the office before leaving the school grounds.
- Please notify the office if your son/daughter is going to be absent from school.
- Please notify Laura-Lynn of any phone number or address changes.

Parking Area Traffic

We are asking for everyone's assistance in adhering to the following safety rules:

****PULL FORWARD COMPLETELY INTO THE DROP OFF ZONE! ONE CAR BLOCKING THE TRAFFIC FLOW CAN CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT BACKLOG OF TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY #10.***

**** When there is heavy traffic in the parking lot, please do not stop in the drop off lane.***

PULL INTO AN EMPTY PARKING SPACE INSTEAD!

**** Do not park in the drive through areas of the parking lot.***

**** Do not turn left onto Highway #10 when leaving the parking lot, as this is illegal.***

**** Turning left into the school's parking lot from Highway #10 is also illegal and a hazard for other vehicles. Take the time to circle the block and enter by turning right off of Highway #10.***

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call the school at any time.

Diamond/Relevant Staff